

Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens
Minutes of November 1, 2001

Present: David Ogg, Member Steven Banch, Member
Jo Rhoads, Member Ed Forst, Member
Merrill Dixon, Member Bill Weisgerber, Member
Jane Crowe, Member Marie Hoag, Member
Lawrence Jose, Member Carla Vaughan, Staff

Excused: None

Absent: None

Visitors: Eloise Huston

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Larry Jose, supported by Bill Weisgerber that the minutes of October 4, 2001 be amended as follows: Bill Weisgerber feels that City Hall should budget for discounts for low income, **seniors and disabled**. Ayes: All Nays: None MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

Community Center Update: No report.

Suggestion Box: Following up on an earlier suggestion regarding unpleasant volunteers in the lunchroom, Merrill Dixon, Jo Rhoads and Carla Vaughan met with Jean Moseley to discuss the problem. Steve Banch met with two of the volunteers in question. It was moved by Merrill Dixon, seconded by Bill Weisgerber, that the committee would review the situation at their December meeting.

Fees for Senior Programs: Bill Weisgerber distributed copies of a packet of information that went to City Council regarding fees at the new Community Center. A discussion was held. The Committee decided to make three recommendations to City Council: It was moved by Bill Weisgerber, seconded by Larry Jose, to recommend that the fitness area be free the first month it is open to attract more potential members. Ayes: 8. Nays: 1. MOTIONED CARRIED. It was moved by Bill Weisgerber, seconded by Ed Forst, to recommend that low-income persons receive a 30% discount rather than a 10% discount on the membership fee. Ayes: 9. Nays: 0. MOTIONED CARRIED. It was moved by Bill Weisgerber, seconded by David Ogg, to recommend that discounts should be provided through City Hall and not the Parks and Recreation Department. Ayes: 9. Nays: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Number of Newsletters Distributed: Carla Vaughan reported that 3400 senior newsletters are mailed each month. In addition, 400 are distributed at Oakland Park Towers and 400 are distributed at the Community Center.

Decaffeinated Coffee: Carla Vaughan reported that the kitchen staff did make decaffeinated coffee for one week and on three days about half of the 60 cups brewed were used. Of the other two days, 10 cups were used one day and 50 cups were used the other day. There have not been any requests since for decaffeinated coffee and it has been discontinued for the time being. The kitchen staff is willing to make it again if we get any more requests.

Other:

Member Comments: Mr. Ogg asked why Troy has a higher suggested donation for lunch than Madison Heights. Carla will ask someone from Emerald Kitchens to attend the December meeting. Bill Weisgerber will seek copies of all contracts related to the meals program.

Jo Rhoads was concerned about the limited number of flu shots that Oakland Parks Towers received for their clinic. Carla reported that quantities are limited this year and we expect to run out at the Community Center also. Carla referred Jo to Penny Brown at the Oakland County Health Department for more information.

Larry Jose (and several other members) had not received their newsletter. Carla reported that they were mailed last week and the Post Office has up to five days to deliver them.

Ed Forst reported that the minutes on the City's website are several months old. Carla will forward his concern to the Community Affairs Department.

Parks and Recreation Report: Larry Jose reported that Carl Simmons attended the September meeting and reported that the woodchucks are getting in under the fence. Possible changes to Sylvan Glen were discussed and work has started on the new golf course. A cricket field is being built.

Troy Medi-Go Plus Report: Jo Rhoads reported the Medi-Go has a new office at Niles School and a new phone number.

Nutrition Report: There were **1250** meals served in the Troy Community Center in **September**. The average donation was **\$1.72**. **1438** homebound meals were delivered.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Vaughan
Secretary